

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(Original)** A communication system for use in connection with a stationary communication line, the communication system comprising two input/output units, each input/output unit comprising a first connector for connection of a communication line, a second connector for connection of an input/output device, a rechargeable battery and a third connector for connection of a charging voltage to the rechargeable battery, whereby the units comprise transmitters and receivers for communicating wireless a communication line signal in one direction from a first input/output unit to a second input/output unit and in another direction from the second input/output unit a communication signal to the first input/output unit for input to the communication line.

2. **(Currently amended)** A communication system according to claim 1, wherein the system comprises a base station adapted for receiving at least one of the units.

3. **(Currently amended)** A communication system according to claim 1, wherein the system comprises a base station adapted for receiving at least two units.

4. **(Currently amended)** A communication system according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 3, wherein the base station comprises circuitry for controlling charging of a rechargeable battery in one or both input/output units.

5. **(Currently amended)** A communication system according to claim 2 or 3, wherein each of the input/output units comprises circuitry for controlling charging of a rechargeable battery in the unit.